

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/275,534

Applicant(s)

JAHN ET AL.

Examiner

David L. Sorkin

Art Unit

1723

All Participants:

(1) David L. Sorkin.

(2) William C. Gerstenzang.

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 22 August 2003

Time: 9:45 Eastern Daylight Time

Type of Interview:



Telephonic



Video Conference



Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

not discussed

Claims discussed:

1-4, 6, 7, 10-15, 19, 20, 22-26 and a proposed claim 27.

Prior art documents discussed:

not discussed

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

David Sorkin

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner Sorkin contacted Mr. Gerstenzang and explained that independent claim 23 was in condition for allowance, but that independent claim 1 was not considered to be sufficiently supported by the specification as originally filed. Examiner Sorkin proposed that claim 1 be canceled and all other claims be amended to depend solely from claim 23 or canceled. Applicant accepted this proposal, but desired that an additional claim 27 be added to recite the "outer closed ring" discussed on page 9, line 20 of the specification. Mr. Gerstenzang authorized an examiner's amendment (now paper No. 28) to make these changes. .